

**Town of Forest Heights
Town Meeting – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Municipal Building
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:05 PM

Roll Call: CM Washington, CM Barnes, CW Hines, CW Mann, Mayor Muhammad present; CM Kennedy II and CW Noble absent. Quorum established.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Motion by CM Washington to approve the agenda; seconded by CW Hines; motion by CM Barnes to remove Resolution 68-19 from the agenda; seconded by CM Washington; vote; (3) yes; (2) no; motion passed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Motion by CW Hines; seconded by CW Mann; all in favor; motion passed.

Brief Speech by Town Attorney Kevin Best: Attorney Best addressed the Mayor and Council on the behalf of the special committee regarding pursuing state litigation in the opioid crisis. He stated that there was an opportunity for municipalities pursuing state litigation to instead join federal litigation, but the special committee advised to stay the course. The court has a mandatory opt out affirmation, and if the Town wishes to continue to pursue state litigation, it would need to fill out the affirmation form. The attorneys in California wanted to know if the Town would have any objections to adding Accokeek Drug Health Care, Prince Georges Hospital Center in Cheverly, Southern Maryland Hospital, Kaiser Permanente in Hyattsville, and Doctors Hospital in Lanham as defendants in the suit.

Public Period -- None

Legislation

Resolution 67-19 A Resolution to approve the services of Stevens Maintenance Inc. to provide stormwater drain maintenance on existing tree boxes on Rolph Drive; and to train Public Works personnel to perform the same for future maintenance purposes; introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CW Hines; motion by CM Washington to adopt Resolution 67-19; seconded by CW Hines; vote; (5) yes; (0); no; motion passed.

New Business

CM Barnes asked if there were any resident on Ottawa Street that he could get in contact within regard to water drainage issues on their driveway; Mayor Muhammad suggested reaching out to the Public Works Director or Town Administrator.

CM Washington stated that the Police Department had partnered with Forest Heights Elementary School, Flintstone Elementary School, John Hanson Montessori and Oxon Hill High for the purpose of providing Thanksgiving baskets to students in need. He thanked the Police Department, the schools, CW Hines, and all involved parties for organizing the Thanksgiving basket giveaway.

CW Mann noted that the inclusion bill (formerly known as sanctuary city) had passed at the county level. CW Hines asked if anyone knew residents who could use a Thanksgiving basket, to please let her know. She also announced the Town Tree Lighting on December 6 at 6pm and called for volunteers for the Children's Party on December 21.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM